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This Month’s Letter from the President

We had a great September meeting with over 30 people in attendance. Mr. Michael Opitz gave a great presentation on the emerging technology of 3D Imaging and all the great benefits it offers. I am pleased to announce that we had five new attendees at the meeting. We were happy to welcome Cynthia Varrieur (Navigant Consulting), Jeffrey Cantey (GDOT and SPSU), Greg Fowler (GSA), and two SPSU students Nancy and Tecara.

Certification is one of the most important benefits that AACEI offers its members. On this note, I want to recognize four local members who have reached certification milestones. Nicholas Adair, CCC, Heather Mendez, CCE, David Yarwood, CCT, and Jonathan Ma, CCT all passed

exams given in June. Congratulations to all four individuals for this industry recognized accomplishment.

Recognizing the importance of certifying local members, Andreas Kristanto (Certification Director) is planning a certification workshop in late October and November to prepare for the December exams. The workshop will run four consecutive Saturdays and will cover exam basics. I want to personally encourage each of you to sign up to get certified in your chosen area or to offer your talents helping teach future exam takers. There is no better way to benefit yourself and AACEI than by getting certified or by helping in the certification process. If you are interested or have any questions, feel free to contact Andreas (akristanto@uscost.com) or me

(p.ray@legisconsultancy.com).

Thank you and I look forward to seeing all of you on Tuesday, October 21st at Cross Creek. Please remember to invite any colleagues or friends to the meeting. There is no requirement that you are an AACEI International member to attend.

Patrick Ray, CCE



MEETING NOTES & INFORMATION

In September, **Mr. Michael Opitz Vice, President of 3D Imaging Services** presented on “The Emerging Technology of 3D Imaging”, demonstrating today’s state of the art in 3D scanning and imaging. Michael’s presentation showed how the scanning is conducted in the field, how a 3D “cloud” is generated via scans from multiple locations and how the technology can be used to generate two dimensional CAD drawings as well as 3D models with walk-thru and fly over capability. These models can be displayed to scale with the embedded capability of displaying point to point measurements and distances with the click of a mouse. The scanning

equipment and software is capable of producing a highly accurate rendition of existing 3-D structures with such detail that it can be used to catalog existing piping in power plant and water treatment facilities. This amazing technology can

be smoothly incorporated into the design and estimating process and many other potential applications within the construction process, including dispute resolution. We thank Michael for an excellent presentation!!





Kamyar Molavi, Esq.

UPCOMING TUES OCTOBER 21st MEETING

Changes to the Georgia lien statute that go into effect on March 30, 2009

Kamyar Molavi is a partner with the Atlanta law firm of Weissmann, Zucker Euster PC. He practices in the areas of construction law, surety law, and commercial litigation. He represents owners, contractors, subcontractors, sureties, and design professional, and has appeared before federal and state courts, boards of contract appeals and arbitration panels nationwide. He serves as an arbitrator on the American Arbitration Association panel of neutrals.

Prior to joining the legal profession, Kamy worked in the commercial construction industry as a project manager and estimator. Kamy earned a Bachelor of Civil Engineering and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology and his law degree from Emory University School of Law.

From 1999 to 2001, Kamy was an adjunct professor at the Graduate School of Construction Management at Southern Polytechnic State University, where he taught a graduate course in Construction Law. He is the co-author of the Georgia chapter of Fifty State Public Construction Law published in 1996 by John Wiley & Sons, Inc. His articles on construction law have appeared in various publications.

Kamy serves on the board of directors of CHRIS Kids, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to providing shelter, counseling, and guidance to victimized children and their families.

AACEI ATLANTA SECTION CERTIFICATION NEWS

AACEI – Atlanta Section Certification Workshop Guideline for Participants

Schedule & Coverage:

Oct 25, 2008 8.30 am -12.30pm	Part I –	Supporting Knowledge and Skills
Nov 1, 2008 8.30 am -12.30pm	Part II –	Cost Estimating and Control
Nov 8, 2008 8.30 am -12.30pm	Part III –	Project Management
Nov 15, 2008 8.30 am -12.30pm	Part IV –	Economic Analysis

Study Materials:

All participants are required to have a copy of at least the following certification references:

1. CCC/CCE Certification Study Guide 2nd edition Revised by AAACEI
2. Skills & Knowledge of Cost Engineering 5th ed. by AAACEI

Format:

Test-Discuss. Workshop participants should be ready to take a two-hour test at the start of each session. The leader will discuss and answer the questions for the remainder of the session.

Registration

Please contact our Certification Director Andreas Kristanto akristanto@uscost.com 678.481.1621 or any of the Board of Directors.

Venue (or other places)

1200 Abernathy Rd., NE,
Building 600, Suite 950
Atlanta, GA 30328

Note Workshop may be canceled if less than five people sign up

Who is the spotlighted member this month?

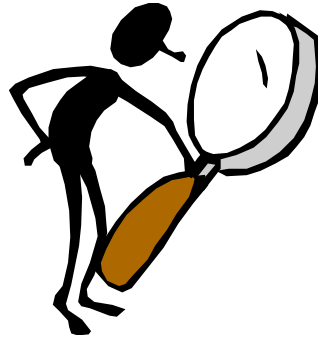
If you're having trouble seeing him / her, it may be due to the fact that you haven't brought a new member to the Association in a while.

Why emphasis on bringing new members to the Association / Section?

For a couple of reasons:

First, every organization has some percentage of members who fail to renew their memberships, for a variety of reasons. Some retire, some change professions, others move away.

In order to maintain the level of service to our members that they deserve, we must bring in new members to replace those we lose due to



attrition.

Second, we are working to increase the influence of our Association to gain acceptance of our technical, education, and certification products and to increase professional recognition of our members.

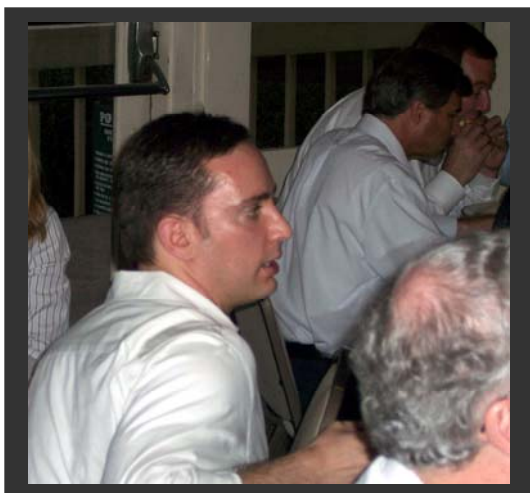
These efforts take resources—staff, money, and time to mention only a few.

To those who now participate in the process,

a sincere thank you.

To those who have yet to become involved, please feel free to pitch in. The more we do as a group, the more we all benefit.

And, when we increase our membership totals, with these added resources, we increase the ability of our Association to benefit ourselves and our industry.



AACEI ATLANTA SECTION SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

AACEI Atlanta Section Scholarship Committee

AACEI Atlanta Section Scholarship News

*"The 2007 AACEI Atlanta Section Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 was presented to **Ben Christian Blount** on Nov. 3 2007.*

*"The 2006 AACEI Atlanta Section Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 was presented to **Kathryn (Katie) Lyn Hunley** on December 8, 2006.*

Applicants for the \$1,500 AACEI Atlanta Section Scholarship have been interviewed at SPSU during the week ending September 19 and at Georgia Tech during the week ending September 26.

Other candidates will be interviewed at Mercer in Macon during the week ending October 3.

Telephone interviews will be completed by October 10.

Final selection will be completed at the GEF Board Meeting on October 16 with prior AACEI Atlanta Section Board approval.

The winning applicant will be advised after October 16 that he or she will be attending the Scholarship Awards Banquet at the Commerce Club in Atlanta on November 13 to receive the check for the \$1,500 AACEI Atlanta Section Scholarship.

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Annual Meeting Update

It's not too early to begin making plans to attend the next AACE International meeting. Next year it will be held in Seattle, WA from June 28 – July 1, 2009. The theme is

TCM: Improving Decision Making in a Green World

and one way to convince your organization to send you to the meeting is to have your proposal to write and present a paper at the meeting accepted. Deadline for submittal of abstracts is October 12, 2008. Details are available at <http://www.aacei.org/annualmeeting/transactions/call4papers.shtml>.

Another way is to become involved in an associate board (Technical, Education, or Certification) or a technical committee or special interest group (SIG). Each of these groups meets face-to-face at the Annual Meeting in addition to other meetings throughout the year.

AACE INTERNATIONAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



Richard A. Selg, CCE is Presented the Charles V. Keane
“Distinguished Service Award” by Patrick Ray, President of the
Atlanta Section

CONGRATULATIONS RICHARD!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Charles V. Keane award is an endowment award presented by the Association to a member of an AACE International section who has consistently endeavored to enhance the professional image of cost engineering over an extended period of time.

Upcoming Atlanta Section 2008 AACE Certification Exams

On behalf of AACE Atlanta Section; we want to say thank **U.S Cost** for hosting the 2nd Quarter Certification Exam. We have received several inquires in the past few months from potential members/candidates about our certification exam. The Atlanta Section will be hosting both certificate exams.

Here is the line up for the Certification Exam

4th Quarter Certification Exam – Will be hosted by **Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson Airport Planning and Development** and the contact person is **Bill Kraus**. Saturday Dec 6, 2008.

The exams will begin at approximately 8:00AM and end around 5:45 PM, for those sections that will be hosting it. This schedule can vary if all participants agree to alter the designated meetings break times.

FOURTH-QUARTER 2008 EXAM SCHEDULE

Application deadline for ALL fourth-quarter 2008 exams is listed for each below:

DATE:

LOCATION(S):

December 6, 2008 ALL AACE Certification Exams at different local sections throughout the US and World. Scheduled locations include: Alabama, Atlanta, Catawba Valley, Chinook-Calgary, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Great Lakes, Houston Gulf Coast, Nevada, North Florida, Oklahoma, Rocky Mountain, Seattle, South Africa and Southwest Ohio

EARLY FEE deadline is October 1, 2008, deadline is October 27, 2008.

December 19,
2008

Exams for all AACE Certification, Arabian Gulf Section (**DUBAI only**)
EARLY FEE deadline is October 1, 2008, deadline is October 27, 2008.

For more information go to; <http://www.aacei.org/certification/>

SPSU Meeting Notice

Our next meeting is scheduled to take place on October 30th, 2008 at 6 PM in the H building of SPSU's campus. The topic will be "Practical Scheduling, Techniques and Tips" and we invite you to attend and share the evening with us.

Assaf Newmark

SPSU Master's Student; Construction Management, SPSU Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering Section President

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SAVE THE DATE

**Lt. Governor Casey Cagle on:
The Future of Development in Georgia**

Presented By: The SPSU Construction Industry Advisory Board

When: October 15, 2008

Location: Cobb Galleria, John Williams Ballroom

Sponsorship Opportunities & Benefits:

Gold Table of \$, \$3,500: Student Recruiting Priority for 08-09 school year, Company Logo and Tag-Line on CIM website, Seating nearest Speaker, Patron's Party admission, Program Recognition, ninth seat at table for Dean's List graduating Senior.

Silver Table of \$, \$1,500: Program Recognition

Table Wine Sponsor, Cocktail Bar Sponsor, Patron Party Sponsor, Gifted Auction Sponsor, \$2,500/ea: Logo Recognition at table and at bar, Program Recognition, help defray expenses

Questions? contact Clint Mays, Event Committee Chair, 770.699.1000

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 Check made out to: SPSU (Construction Management) Foundation
 Mail checks to: Clint Mays, c/o Cambridge Construction Group, Inc,
 975 Cobb Place Blvd., Suite 109, Kennesaw, GA 30144



Supporting the Construction Management Department By:

- Supporting Faculty Development Activities (trainings, publishing, and participation in conferences)
- Improving Classroom Instructional Technologies
- A New Building Fund
- Providing Two scholarships of \$4000 for each Construction Management Student
- Organizing Advisory Board Golf Tournament to solicit industry partnerships



Meetings

Location:

Cross Creek Café
 1221 Cross Creek Parkway
 Atlanta, Georgia 30327
 404-351-1550

URL: <http://www.crosscreekcafe.com>

Time:

6:00 p.m. Social
 6:30 p.m. Dinner Orders
 7:00 -7:15 p.m. Business & Announcements
 7:30 p.m. Program Presentation

MEETING LOCATION

The meeting location for the 2007-2008 program year is the Cross Creek Café at 1221 Cross Creek Parkway, Atlanta on the 3rd Tuesday of each month September thru May excluding December. Reservations are NOT mandatory but are strongly requested to assist in making proper arrangements for space and service. Please RSVP to: Mark Cundiff at markcundiff@hotmail.com. If you were not planning on coming to a meeting, but late in the afternoon you find you can attend, do not hesitate to attend. Please come to the meeting and when the opportunity presents itself, invite a candidate for membership.

Section Presidents' Calendar

October 2008

October 21 2008 @ 6:00 – 8:30p.m.

Monthly Meeting at the Cross Creek Café -

AACEI SECTION ATLANTA, GEORGIA

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.aaceiatlanta.com

Future Meeting Dates 3rd Tues of the Month

November 18, 2008

December 16, 2008

January 20, 2009

February 17, 2009

March 17, 2009

April 21, 2009

May 19, 2009

About Our Organization...

Since 1956, AACE International has been the leading-edge professional society for cost estimators, cost engineers, schedulers project managers, and project control specialists. With more than 5,500 members worldwide, AACE International is the largest organization serving the entire spectrum of cost management professionals. AACE International is industry independent, and has members in 78 countries and 71 local sections. If you are not a member read on to learn what AACE can do for you.

Cost Engineering Journal - the monthly international journal of cost estimation, cost/schedule control, and project management read by cost professionals around the world to get the most up-to-date information about the profession.

Education - improve your professional expertise and technical skills at AACE educational seminars, the annual meeting, and through regional and local section meetings.

The Online Bookstore - learn all you need to know through AACE International's first-rate publications that cover key industry-related issues of the cost and project management profession. Purchase Recommended Practices and Standards, PPG's, Transactions, and all the leading professional estimating books at substantial discounts.

Library - AACE International members receive FREE access to the world's largest library of cost estimating, cost/schedule control, and project management literature through interlibrary loans, literature searches, and referrals.

Online Information - our website includes a wealth of information. Members have access to Cost Engineering Journal, references for over 8,000 technical publications, a fully searchable database covering thousands of technical books and papers, updates to latest Recommended Practices and Standards, and much more.

Executive Search and Employment - find a job in cost/project management through AACE's employment referral service, resume database, or through an advertisement of your services in Cost Engineering Journal, or on our website.

Professional Development - increase your knowledge and professional expertise by joining one of AACE's many technical committees, subcommittees, and special interest groups (SIGs) in their effort to develop new and improved techniques for the profession and in standardizing the practice of total cost management.

Certification - AACE has been certifying individuals as Certified Cost Consultants (CCC)/Certified Cost Engineers (CCE) since 1976, Certified Cost Technicians (CCT) since 2000, Planning & Scheduling Professionals (PSP) since 2004, Earned Value Professionals (EVP) since 2005, Certified Forensic Claims Consultant (CFCC) since 2007, and the Certified Estimating Professional (CEP) was rolled out in summer, 2008. AACE is also working diligently to create the Certified Portfolio, Program, & Project Management Manager (C3PM) and a new certification program in risk management. All AACE certification programs are accredited by the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB) and the International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC). CCE and CCC are the only internationally-recognized certifications for cost management professionals.

Networking and Contacts - take advantage of numerous opportunities to network with your peers and expand your circle of valuable business contacts; join a local section and participate in local activities, attend the annual meeting, or join one of our several technical committees and special interest groups.

Annual Meeting - see and hear outstanding technical presentations, panel discussions, workshops, tours, and guest speakers at the AACE International Annual Meeting.

Money Savings \$\$ - get exceptional member discounts on publications, educational seminars, the annual meeting, insurance coverage, car rentals, cooperative conferences, and much more.

Recognition - AACE members are recognized as part of the only association dedicated to total cost management, the corporate goal for the 21st century.